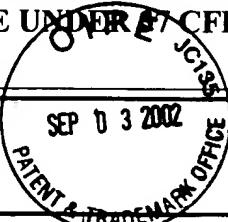


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

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In Re Application Of: J. Bruce Pitner et al.



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Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: June 29, 2002 *Date* until: August 29, 2002 *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is **\$400** and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1666
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1666
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